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The United States Patent and Trademark Office mailed an Office Action on August 13, 2003. The Office Action provides a period of one month for filing a response. Therefore, a response is due September 13, 2003. However, since September 13, 2003 is a Saturday, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.7, a response filed on Monday September 15, 2003 is considered timely. According, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

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